

## HORNBROOK'S PARK

Unless the Purchasers Change their Mind—The  
Property Bought by Mr. C. W. Conner for a  
Syndicate of Six—\$21,350 the Price  
Paid for It—Some Dissatisfaction.

As is known last week, the fine property known far and near as "Hornbrook Park," was put up at public sale Saturday by the heirs of the original owner, the late Col. Thomas Hornbrook, who did not care for a profitable investment, and did not care to continue its owners at an annual loss. Councilman W. H. Haller was employed as auctioneer, and for a while the bidding was spirited, the principal bidders being Mr. C. W. Conner and Mr. Frank Walter. The bidding then ran up to the neighborhood of \$24,000, and then Mr. Conner wanted an opportunity to consult with his associates in the matter. Mr. Walter, not knowing Mr. Conner, had accused Mr. Bedilion, father-in-law of Mr. Conner, of Hornbrook, of bidding it up for himself. Mr. Conner then asked the auctioneer, which he with some warmth denied. Mr. Walter then left, to consult his associates. After some parley, Hon. J. J.

Woods was authorized to continue the bidding for them, but he arrived on the spot just in time to see the contract awarded

After the sale was made, however, several of the five other gentlemen associated with Mr. Conner expressed dissatisfaction at the price paid, whereupon he had the bill of sale made to him individually, took the keys, and yesterday visited the Park and took formal possession of it.

Mr. Reymann was very much put out by having his land sold in this manner.

the turn of hair, and was very indignant at every person who had anything to do with the purchase. This, however, does not trouble Mr. Conner, who is a reporter last evening that he considered that he had a good investment in the property at the price paid. He could not say yet

what disposition would be made of it. The syndicate for whom he had acted had been formed to get possession of the ground to use for a cemetery. If other disposition upon better terms could be made of it, it would probably be disposed of for other purposes. It is held as an investment, and whatever plan offers the most profitable return will probably be adopted.

He did not know whether his original associates would all stay in or not. If not, he thought it would be easy to get other persons to take their places. He had been told that some of them, learning of Mr. Beymann's feelings in the matter, were disposed to hold aloof. He could not, however, say this authoritatively. Mr. Beymann, it is understood, is interested in the

Considerable interest is felt in the purchase by the public. Those who live near the Park would regret to see it become a cemetery, though most of them

would prefer to have it a cemetery rather than a beer garden." It is said that the intention of Mr. Walter and his associates was not to make a beer garden of it, but to conduct it as an unobjectionable place of amusement, very much as it has been run in the recent past. If used thus, the public would certainly be the gainer, and the hope is generally expressed that it may

The ground on which the Park now is was purchased by Mr. Hornbrook in 1853, and he at once began to improve and beautify it, though it was not for years in the beautiful condition he left it at his death, and its use as a public park began in very recent years.

**The Coming Harvest.**  
MILWAUKEE, May 6.—S. W. Talmage, of this city, of the Chamber of Commerce, who has for many years made a specialty of collecting grain reports over the entire country, and who prophesied within a few

thousand of the correct figures on crop matters last year, makes the following prognostications regarding the coming report of the United States Commissioner of Agriculture: "I have the latest advices from all the State departments, and from the latest information from Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. I look to see the following

report but slightly if any improved over that of April, and should not be at all surprised to see it somewhat under the April report. The Government in the April report places the condition of Kentucky at 80, Ohio 70, Michigan 93, Indiana 75, Illinois 80, Missouri 83, Kansas 75. Various State departments of agriculture

late reports make and limit the place of Kentucky at 60, Ohio 55, Michigan 85, Indiana 70, Illinois 75, Missouri 70, Kansas 70. These eight large winter wheat States show a decrease of eight per cent between the Government April report and the States' May report. From these facts it hardly looks possible for the Government to show much, if any, improvement in

**Convention of Cranks.**  
NEW YORK, May 6.—About a score of men and women made up the thirteenth annual convention of the American Labor Reform League in this city to-day. R. W. Hume presided and E. H. Heywood offered

resolutions, which were adopted. They declared that as labor is the source of all wealth, accumulation by interest or otherwise is robbery; that "pay no rent" is the banner duty not only in Ireland, but in New York and all over the world; that Czars, Queens, Presidents and land, railway and bank monopolists, are the

special exponents of the vast confederacies of organized robbers who may expect to be shaken off by dynamite, daggers, or whatever means Justice demands to establish the common fight. The act in the Philadelphia convention was denounced as fruitless.

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**Base Ball.**

At Pittsburgh—Allegheny 13, Metropoli-  
ans 3.  
At Columbus—Columbus 6, St. Louis 4.  
At Toledo—Bay City 4, Toledos 5.  
At Grand Rapids, Mich.—Saginaws 12,  
Grand Rapids 9.  
At Columbus—Columbus 12, St. Louis 9.  
At Buffalo—Buffalos, 8; Clevelands, 4.  
At Philadelphia—Roxton 5, Philadel-

**The Cincinnati Show.**  
CINCINNATI, May 6.—The Dramatic Es-

CINCINNATI, May 8.—The Dramatic festival closed last night. There are a few who protest that from an artistic point of view the undertaking has been a success. The great mass of Cincinnati theater goers reluctantly admit that the festival has been a dismal failure. Music hall is all well enough for operas and concerts and national conventions. The officers of a drama

**The Wrong Target.**

CINCINNATI, May 6.—John and Martin Devey, brothers, conduct a shooting gallery. This afternoon Martin stepped from behind the stand just as John fired at a longer range, and received the bullet in

the heart, dying instantly.